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SUBJ: NATOMIN: AGENDA FOR JUNE NAC MINISTERIAL IN OTTAWA AND  
RESTRUCTURING OF MINISTERIAL MEETING FORMAT

REF: A) USNATO 2767; B) USNATO 2723

SUMMARY: ON MAY 20, SPC DISCUSSED THE AGENDA FOR THE OTTAWA NAC  
MINISTERIAL AND RESTRUCTURING THE NAC  
MINISTERIAL FORMAT. WHILE INCONCLUSIVE ON SPECIFICS, THIS  
DISCUSSION MADE PROGRESS ON DEFINING THE AGENDA AND REVEALED  
SUBSTANTIAL CONSENSUS FOR A REVISED FORMAT THAT WILL PERMIT  
SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS OF EACH AGENDA TOPIC. THE SPC REFERRED TO  
THE MAY 21 PERMREPS LUNCHEON FURTHER DISCUSSION OF AND DECISION  
ON DETAILS INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING: A) A NEW DRAFT IS AGENDA; B)  
WHETHER GENERAL INTERVENTIONS BY MINISTERS SHOULD PRECEDE OR  
FOLLOW DISCUSSIONS OF SEPARATE AGENDA ITEMS; C) HOW GENERAL  
STATEMENTS MIGHT BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM; AND D) WHETHER THERE SHOULD  
BE A SEPARATE PRIVATE MEETING AMONG THE FOREIGN MINISTERS IN OTTAWA  
IN ADDITION TO THE JUNE 17 DINNER HOSTED BY PRIMIN TRUDEAU.  
ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE NEXT FORMAL CONSIDERATION  
OF THESE ISSUES SCHEDULED FOR THE MAY 24 NAC. END SUMMARY

1. MAY 20 SPC, WORKING FROM PREVIOUSLY DISTRICUTED DRAFT AGENDA  
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(REF B), ENTWINED DISCUSSION OF THE OTTAWA AGENDA ITSELF WITH  
CONSIDERATION OF RESTRUCTURING THE MINISTERIAL FORMAT THAT WOULD BE  
FOLLOWED IN APPROACHING THE AGENDA. SIGNIFICANTLY, ALL DELEGATIONS  
SEEMED TO ACCEPT THE OBJECTIVE OF MORE FULL AND SPECIFIC DISCUSSIONS

AMONG MINISTERS, AND THE PROPOSITION THAT A NEW FORMAT BE TRIED TOWARD THAT END. THERE WAS, HOWEVER, CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCE OF OPINION AS TO WHAT NEW APPROACHES MIGHT BE TRIED AND HOW THEY WOULD RELATE TO SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS.

2. WHILE SOME DELEGATIONS (UK AND GREECE) FELT THAT WHATEVER PROCEDURE WAS DECIDED UPON OUGHT TO BE FOLLOWED BY ALL; MAJORITY (NETHERLANDS, FRANCE, DENMARK, ITALY, CANADA, BELBIUM, AND TURKEY) FELT THAT FORMAT SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO INCLUDE PROVISION BOTH FOR THOSE MINISTERS WILLING TO FOREGO OR SUBMIT IN ADVANCE THEIR GENERAL REMARKS, AND FOR THOSE WHO FELT NEED TO DELIVER A GENERAL INTERVENTION. THERE WAS DIFFERENCE OF OPINION AS TO WHETHER SUCH GENERAL INTERVENTIONS SHOULD BE HEARD BEFORE OR AFTER DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS. ITALY AND DENMARK HELD THE MINORITY VIEW, WITH THE U.S., NETHERLANDS, FRANCE, CANADA AND BELGIUM FAVORING SPECIFIC DISCUSSIONS FIRST, FOLLOWED BY OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE MINISTERS WHO DESIRED TO MAKE GENERAL CATCH-ALL STATEMENTS.

3. U. S. AND DUTCH DELEGATIONS RAISED QUESTION OF WHETHER THERE WOULD BE A PRIVATE OR RESTRICTED MEETING AMONG THE MINISTERS AS THERE WAS IN DECEMBER 1973. THERE WAS LITTLE PREFERENCE SHOWN ONE WAY OR THE OTHER EXCEPT DELEGATIONS FAVORED AN EARLY DECISION INCLUDING AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SUCH PRIVATE MEETING AND THE JUNE 17 TRUDEAU DINNER.

4. ON THE DRAFT AGENDA THE COMMITTEE AGREED LHAT THE FIRST ITEM SHOULD BE ATLANTIC RELATIONS. IT ALSO AGREED WITH A FRENCH PROPOSAL THAT CSCE BE CONSIDERED BEFORE MBFR. THE UK REP THOUGHT THAT THE REPORT ON THE SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN OUGHT NOT BE TO LISTED SO PROMINENTLY AS TO DESERVE A SEPARATE CATEGORY EQUIVALENT TO "EAST-WEST RELATIONS". HE SUGGESTED THE REPORT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED UNDER "ANY OTHER BUSINESS". THIS PROPOSAL DREW STIFF OPPOSITION FROM TURKISH AND GREEK DELEGATES AND A COMPROMISE FORMULATION WAS PROPOSED BY THE CHAIR. REVISED IS DRAFT AGENDA DISTRIBUTED PRIOR TO THE MAY 21 PERMREPS LUNCH APPEARS AS FOLLOWS:  
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I. ATLANTIC RELATIONS

II. REVIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION

(A) CSCE

(B) MBFR

(C) THE SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

III. OTHER POLITICAL SUBJECTS

IV. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

V. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MINISTERIAL MEETING

VI. COMMUNIQUE - DECLARATION (?)

5. IN HIS SINGLE INTERVENTION U.S. REP:

A. SUPPORTED THE EMPHASIS OTHER SPEAKERS WERE PLACING ON THE ROLE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL IN FORMULATING AND EXECUTING A NEW MINISTERIAL FORMAT,

B. THOUGHT THAT A MORE DETAILED AND ANNOTED AGENDA WAS PERHAPS ADVISABLE TO ENCOURAGE DISCUSSION ON SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS TO BE SPECIFIC AND TO THE POINT,

C. PROPOSED THAT AT OTTAWA THE SECRETARY GENERAL SUM UP THE MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION AFTER EACH AGENDA ITEM RATHER THAN WAITING FOR A GENERAL SUMMARY AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SESSION,

D. SUPPORTED THE VIEW THAT THERE OUGHT TO BE SOME PROVISION FOR THOSE MINISTERS WHO WISH TO MAKE A GENERAL STATEMENT. HE THOUGHT HOWEVER THAT SUCH GENERAL STATEMENTS, IF NOT DISTRIBUTED IN ADVANCE, OUGHT TO BE MADE AFTER SPECIFIC DISCUSSION. HE DEFINED GENERAL STATEMENTS AS THOSE COVERING SUBJECTS WHICH COULD NOT CONVENIENTLY BE DEALT WITH UNDER ONE OF THE SPECIFIC SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA ITEMS,

E. SUPPORTED THE PROPOSED AGENDA RE-ARRANGEMENT THAT WOULD PUT ATLANTIC RELATIONS FIRST AND CSCE BEFORE MBFR,

F. REQUESTED CLARIFICATION OF SYG'S INTENTIONS RE A PRIVATE MINISTERIAL SESSION AND WHAT THE RELATIONSHIP MIGHT BE BETWEEN IT  
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AND THE CANADIAN DINNER. IN THIS CONNECTION HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME INFORMAL AGENDA FOR THE DINNER DISCUSSIONS,  
AND

G. THOUGHT THAT THE NEW FORMAT WOULD TEND TO PROLONG THE MINISTERIAL AND HE HOPED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY FOR EACH OF THE FIFTEEN MINISTERS TO SPEAK ON EACH ITEM.

6. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS AS TO WHEN THE DOCUMENTS REFERRED IN THE PROPOSED OTTAWA AGENDA MIGHT BE IN HAND, THE CHAIRMAN GAVE THE FOLLOWING RUNDOWN:

A. ATLANTIC RELATIONS - UNKNOWN

B. CSCE - ABOUT JUNE 12

C. MBFR - ASSUMING THE VIENNA PROGRESS REPORT IS COMPLETED BY MAY 30 AND THE AHG MAKES ITS NEXT REGULAR REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON MAY 31, THE COUNCIL SHOULD BE IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS MBFR ON JUNE 5.

D. MEDITERRANEAN - NAC DISCUSSION ON THE AD HOC DRAFTING GROUP REPORT WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 5. MCAULIFFE

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